## Four Disaster Recovery Centers Closing but FEMA is Still Here

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GUAYNABO, Puerto Rico – The following disaster recovery centers will cease operations:

- At 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12:
  - Casa LoydiCalle San Manuel esq. Calle GándaraCorozal, PR 00783
- Centro Comunal (Antiguo Centro de Envejecientes)Calle 65 de InfanteríaYauco, PR 00698
- At 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13:
  - Centro Comunal Marítimo TurísticoPR-127, Bo. PlayaGuayanilla, PR 00656
- At 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15:
  - Complejo Deportivo Edgar MartínezPR-696 km 2Dorado, PR 00646

After the centers cease operations, survivors whose homes or businesses were affected by hurricanes Irma and María can still get updates about applications, learn about the appeals process or check the status of their claim the following ways:

- Log into their account at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>
- Visit any open disaster recovery center; to find the nearest one visit FEMA.gov/DRC



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■ Call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-FEMA (3362). People who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY may call 800-462-7585. Toll-free numbers are open daily from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Since October 2017, FEMA and the Government of Puerto Rico have opened 68 disaster recovery centers across the island where 800,000 survivors have been helped. FEMA and the Government of Puerto Rico are consolidating centers and increasing disaster assistance resources as the emergency response moves into the recovery phase.

Voluntary agencies and other community partners are increasingly staffing centers to address unmet needs of survivors. Centers will remain open through this year's hurricane season.

Recovery officials encourage Irma and Maria survivors who registered for disaster assistance with FEMA to stay in touch. If survivors change addresses or phone numbers they should contact FEMA to update their information. Missing or incorrect information could result in delays in receiving assistance.

For more information on Hurricane María recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4339

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362) 711/VRS - Video Relay Service). Multilingual operators are available. (Press 2 for Spanish). TTY call 800-462-7585.

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